



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 319**

*February Session, 2002*

**AN ACT CONCERNING ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS  
EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 20-74s of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2002*):

4 (b) Except as provided in subsections (s) to [(w)] (x), inclusive, of  
5 this section, no person shall engage in the practice of alcohol and drug  
6 counseling unless licensed as a licensed alcohol and drug counselor  
7 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section or certified as a certified  
8 alcohol and drug counselor pursuant to subsection (e) of this section.

9 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 20-74s of the general statutes is  
10 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
11 *October 1, 2002*):

12 (c) Except as provided in subsections (s) to [(w)] (x), inclusive, of  
13 this section, no person shall engage in the private practice of alcohol  
14 and drug counseling unless (1) licensed as a licensed alcohol and drug  
15 counselor pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, or (2) certified as a  
16 certified alcohol and drug counselor pursuant to subsection (e) of this  
17 section and practicing under the supervision of a licensed alcohol and  
18 drug counselor.

19 Sec. 3. Subsection (v) of section 20-74s of the general statutes is  
 20 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
 21 *October 1, 2002*):

22 (v) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to any alcohol  
 23 and drug counselor or substance abuse counselor employed by the  
 24 state, except that this section shall apply to alcohol and drug  
 25 counselors employed by the Department of Correction pursuant to  
 26 subsection (x) of this section.

27 Sec. 4. Section 20-74s of the general statutes is amended by adding  
 28 subsection (x) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

29 (NEW) (x) The provisions of this section shall apply to employees of  
 30 the Department of Correction as follows: (1) Any person hired by the  
 31 Department of Correction on or after October 1, 2002, for a position as  
 32 a substance abuse counselor or supervisor of substance abuse  
 33 counselors shall be a licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;  
 34 (2) any person employed by the Department of Correction prior to  
 35 October 1, 2002, as a substance abuse counselor or supervisor of  
 36 substance abuse counselors shall become licensed or certified as an  
 37 alcohol and drug counselor by October 1, 2007; and (3) any person  
 38 employed by the Department of Correction on or after October 1, 2007,  
 39 as a substance abuse counselor or supervisor of substance abuse  
 40 counselors shall be a licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

**PH** Joint Favorable Subst.

**APP** Joint Favorable